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## Murder in Winslow.

Wednesday morning it was discovered that a Mexican woman of the under world had been murdered in her home in Mexican town, a suburb of Winslow, on the south side. Sheriff Woods was in Winslow at the time on business and received the news just as he left Babbitt Brothers' store. He at once proceeded to the scene of the crime and identified the body as that of Maria Botello, a young woman who had resided in Holbrook for a short time. He at once proceeded to make an investigation, but the only clues were a pair of gloves and two whiskey bottles, one empty and one partly emptied. The sheriff took these bottles to the saloons that handle this brand of goods and then learned who purchased the stuff. The gloves were later identified as belonging to the suspected party. Feeling positive that he was on the right track Sheriff Woodshired a horse from Frank Manifold and started in pursuit of the fleeing fugitive. After events proved that the reasoning of the sheriff was correct.

It seems that the criminal had premeditated the murder and had fastened his saddle horse near at hand so as to more readily make his get-away. Woods left Winslow about three o'clock in the afternoon, which means that the fugitive had nearly twenty four hours the start, for it had taken some time to get the certain evidence so as to not get off on a wrong scent.

The sheriff knew that the man suspected had been working for Chas. Daze and figured that he would go in the direction of Mr. Daze's sheep camp. Again he was correct, for after riding twenty miles and finding no sign of horse or rider, he went directly to the camp near Rock Station, where he first got news of the man wanted. Here the sheriff was informed by a Mexican he met one mile from camp that Marcial Minuer, the criminal, was in camp and was badly scared. Woods took the Mexican with him back to camp. Before getting quite into camp the sheriff saw his man on a high knoll about a quarter of a mile away.

On seeing the sheriff the fugitive dropped down over the hill on the side towards the camp. Woods rode up quickly, as he had learned of firearms in camp,

and when rather close to the criminal jumped from his horse and called on the man to surrender. He at once held up his hands and came to where the sheriff was standing. He was tied on a horse and the horse led to Winslow where they arrived about nine o'clock the same night. The prisoner has made a full confession of his guilt, implicating no one else.

County Recorder made a business trip to Winslow during the week.

Mr. Clarence Spellmire came up from Winslow Monday morning on business.

Mr. J. A. Lyons of Winslow was a Holbrook visitor the fore part of the week.

Claud Youngblood returned during the week from a business engagement at Prescott.

Born, January 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Shumway, a fine boy. Mother and son doing fine.

Mr. Frank George left for Adamana Friday evening where he will be employed as carpenter for a few days.

Rev. Robert Wright of Winslow preached a very interesting sermon to the people of Holbrook last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Ben First made a business trip to Albuquerque the fore part of the week. During his absence his business is being attended to by Ben Crosby.

The new business block of Nuanes & Duran is now about completed and Mrs. Duran is now carrying on the restaurant business in the new building.

Misses Mamie and Barbara Baca of Heber are in Holbrook for the past few days awaiting the arrival of their mother from Phoenix, who is expected to arrive here during the week.

Attorney Larson has been in Phoenix the past week on a visit to his sick mother. The last reports are that Mrs. Larson is much improved and that Mr. Larson will be back to Holbrook in a few days.

Mr. W. H. Burbage and District Attorney W. P. Geary went to St. Johns on a trip combining both business and pleasure. Mrs. Geary is with her husband on a visit to her sister, Mrs. F. W. Nelson.

## Government Works for Grazing Industry.

The beneficial results of the regulated grazing were shown in a decided betterment of much of the National Forest range, during the fiscal year 1908. At the same time investigations in range improvements through re-seeding, new methods of handling stock, the eradication of poisonous plants, and the destruction of prairie dogs brought important progress toward still better future use of the Forests by stockmen.

The development of watering places is other means that is being pursued to the same end, while the killing of predatory wild animals by the United States Forest Service hunters saved the stockmen losses probably greater than the entire amount paid in grazing fees. This amount was over \$960,000. Through the enforcement of quarantine regulations and the

distribution of blackleg vaccine other losses from disease were prevented.

Mr. Charles A. Arters of Winslow and Miss Elizabeth Lewis of Flagstaff were married in Holbrook Friday evening by Probate Judge Smith. The newly wedded couple will make their home in Winslow.

Sergt. McAndrews came in from Cooley's ranch Sunday evening enroute to the Philippines. He leaves San Francisco February 5. Mr. McAndrews will be stationed at Manila during his service in the islands.

Judge Zuck, who has been quite sick for some time, suffered a relapse a few days ago and the result is that he is greatly weakened. His condition, though not considered serious, is causing his friends much concern. It is hoped that a change for the better will soon be reported and that the Judge will be out once more greeting his numerous friends.

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